[Mr. L. R. Raja Raja Varma Koiltampuran.]

(5) If the Government have no information as regards part (1), will they be pleased to call for the information, directing the Inspecting Officers to take evidence direct from the teachers concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) No complaint has been made to the Director of Public Instruction on the subject.

(2) This is not practicable.

(3) and (4) The suggestions of the member are neither expedient nor practicable.

(5) An investigation will be undertaken if the member will furnish the Director of Public Instruction with specific instances of fraud.

Analysis of Water at Alleppey.

57. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of deputing some of the expert doctors of the State to analyse different specimens of water obtainable at Alleppey with a view to discover how far the water is responsible for the many kinds of diseases prevalent at Alleppey?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Transfer of Arabic Munshies.

58. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of empowering the Mahomedan Inspector to transfer *Arabic Munshies*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Increasing the number of Medical Officers in the General Hospital.

59. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): (1) In the interests of the patients who attend the General Hospital, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of appointing immediately a sufficient number of Medical Officers, so that each ward may be under the charge of a separate Medical Officer?

(2) If this is not possible, will they be pleased to consider the appointment immediately of some more Medical Officers in the General Hospital and thereby increase their number corresponding to the number and need of the patients?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Administrative Board, Medical Services, reports that it is neither feasible nor necessary to place each ward, *i. e.* room, under the charge of a separate Medical Officer as the number of beds in each ward varies.

(2) The General Hospital is better staffed in proportion to the number of beds than the other hospitals in the State.

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